

International Women's Day – Women, Water and Human Rights Panellist's Bios

Dra. Raquel Elias Ferreira Dodge

Deputy Attorney General of the Republic, Superior Court of Justice



Raquel Elias Ferreira Dodge was the 41st Attorney General of the Republic and the 7th President of the National Council of Public Prosecution. She was Electoral Attorney General and President of the Superior Council of the Federal Public Prosecutor's Office. She holds a Master's degree in Law (LLM) from Harvard University (2007). She is the founder and first president of the Global Institute of Public Prosecution for the Environment (2018-2019). She served as an aide to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. She received an award from the International Association of Prosecutors and the Innovare Institute. She was awarded the highest degree by order of merit by several public institutions. She was part of the team that drafted the 1st and 2nd National Plan for the Eradication of Slave Labor in Brazil and the bill to adapt Brazilian legislation to the International Criminal Court. Currently, she serves in the Superior Court of Justice as Deputy Attorney General of the Republic.

Nchedi Sophia Maphokga-Moripe

Chief Director, Global Cooperation and Strategic Partnerships - South Africa Department of Water and Sanitation



Ms. Nchedi Sophia Maphokga-Moripe is the Chief Director, Global Cooperation and Strategic Partnerships in the Department of Water and Sanitation, South Africa. She is a member of the International Advisory Committee of the UN Water Action Decade 2018-2028, a contributor in the UN SDG High Level Political Forum, Served as a Permanent Alternate Sherpa to the President of South Africa, UN- World Bank High-Level Panel on Water (HLPW), She is a Co-Convenor to the Stockholm World Water Week, 2020/2021, served in high-level advisory and negotiating roles for the, UN 2021 &

2023 International Preparatory Committee. Ms Nchedi Moripe is a nominated Board Member of Global Water Partnership Southern Africa, She is a long standing contributor and negotiator in many UN Commissions, including on Sustainable Development, the UN Commission on Status of Women, and the IBSA People to People's Forum. Over the years, Ms. Moripe has championed various initiatives to promote Gender and the role of Women Globally, participating in activities of the UN Major Groups. She coordinated South African chapter of the Women Sector Groups, in Energy, Mining, and Water . Nchedi has numerous accolades to herself, including the Industrial Action in the Public Service, Dispute Resolution and representation. She is a strong Inter- Sectoral Coordinator and negotiator, Two times Chief of Staff in Political Offices, passionate Public Service Personality. She is an Award holder of the Best Employee of the Year on Special Programmes Coordination, in Public Service.

Dr. Mekala Krishnan

Partner, McKinsey Global institute



Dr. Mekala Krishnan is a partner at the McKinsey Global Institute (MGI), McKinsey's business and economics research arm, based in Boston, MA. Her research focuses on various topics related to inclusive growth and economic development, including climate risk, globalization, productivity growth in advanced economies, and women's role in labor markets. She has authored numerous articles and her work has been cited in leading business publications, including The Financial Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Economist, and Harvard Business Review. Mekala is a member of a task force at the Hutchins Center on Fiscal and Monetary Policy at Brookings focused on improving productivity measurement, serves on an advisory board for the Sibley School of Mechanical Engineering at Cornell University, and serves on the board of the Global Fund for Women, a leading public foundation dedicated to improving global gender equality.

Maria Teresa Gutierrez

Technical Specialist on Intensive Employment Investment and on Gender and Public Works, International Labour Organisation



Maria Teresa Gutierrez is Technical Specialist on Employment Intensive Investment at the Employment Policy Department of the ILO in Geneva and Gender Specialist on Public Works. She has worked substantively on the promotion of employment creation and employability of disadvantaged groups, with a primary focus on women and indigenous populations putting emphasis on local knowledge, local resource and human rights approaches.

Her field experience in Latin American countries include job creation through infrastructure services on roads maintenance, rural transports, water and sanitation, IWM. She is currently the Alternate member of the ILO to UN Water. Maria Teresa is social anthropologist from National University of the Center of Peru with a MSc. on Development Studies from Bath University, UK and holds a Diploma on Gender and a specialization on Rural Development.

Mariet Verhoef-Cohen

President, Women for Water Partnership



As President of Women for Water Partnership, and immediate former President of Soroptimist International, Mariet is an expert in the Education, Empowerment and Enablement of women and girls, ensuring they have the capacity, experience and vocational training needed to manager water resources and gain careers in water related professions. Her goal is to position women as active leaders, experts, partners and agents of change to realise access to

safe water for all, for all uses, thus focusing through her SI President's Appeal, 'Women, Water

& Leadership' on SDG4 (education), SDG5 (gender equality) and SDG 6 (water for all for all purposes) as these three goals impact all 17 SDGs.

Amanda Loeffen

Chief Executive Officer, Human Right 2 Water



Amanda is CEO of Human Right 2 Water, and an experience general manager and business development executive in water, energy and sustainable development, with international experience in Australasia, Europe and North America. Her goal is to provide sustainable solutions based on human rights to improve water governance worldwide. Previously as Director General of WaterLex, she led a team of water governance experts to encourage law and policy reform. Current projects include her leadership of the UNECE People-First PPP Stakeholder Engagement subgroup to realise benchmarks for developing human rights-based approaches. Previously, as CEO of a project management company in New Zealand, Amanda delivered environmental resource consent for a community water infrastructure scheme for irrigation and hydro-generation.